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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of one of these references (EP 0 027 043 B) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention. The U.S. Equivalent to EP 0 027 043 B is US 4,282,605.

An English abstract summarizing the disclosures of the European Patent publication No. EP 0 492 286 A2 is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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